Alexandria park Community School
Smoking Policy
2011-2013

Alexandria Park Community School is a designated *Tobacco Free Zone*. No students are allowed to have in their possession or to smoke tobacco whilst under the care of the school.

Staff, parents, visitors and community members will be required to refrain from tobacco use on the school premises.

The *Students Who Smoke* program is designed to discourage students from smoking during school time. Students who are caught smoking at school or during excursions will be referred to the *Students Who Smoke* coordinator. At the time of referral the coordinator will give the student information on the date and time of a lunch time detention. During the detention the coordinator will assist the student to select a worksheet on a smoking issue, supervise the completion of the worksheet, and discuss the worksheet with the student after it has been completed.

If a student is referred again the coordinator repeats the process. A letter is also sent home to inform the parents/caregivers that their son or daughter is involved in the program. This needs to be signed and returned to the coordinator.

If a student is referred a third time an interview with the parents/caregivers is also arranged to discuss the student’s behaviour and future consequences.

If a student offends the fourth time the student is referred to the Deputy Principal where a short suspension may be imposed for continued disobedience for the persistent use of tobacco. Parents/caregivers are contacted and a time is arranged for an interview.

If a student initiates conversation about wanting to give up smoking, additional support is available from external organisations.

Any student who is not willing to comply with any aspect of this program will be referred to the school’s discipline policy.